

Skygac Finds a King in Disguise

— By Skygac —

Remember that good old hymn we used to sing, about a Child of a King? Quoting from memory it went something like this:

"My Father is rich in houses and land
He holdeth the wealth of the world
in his hand."

It now appears that the child has grown up and come into his heritage, wholly imaginary of course, but, well anyhow, here is the yarn, figure it out for yourself.

While browsing thru the pages of one of the current magazines, I found the story of the King in Disguise. It seems there was a poor dissatisfied workman who complained bitterly of his cruel and unjust employer. "Every day something happened to put him in a fury of indignation, and every day his impulse of revolt was blocked by the dead wall of fear."

A great doctor was called, who diagnosed the case as a mental aberration, and, but let the Doctor talk; "We started with the assumption that since he had to work for an employer, he was a slave. We agreed, next, that it was in the nature of taskmasters to be cruel. He was a

humble slave, serving a cruel taskmaster. Good. As an honest slave, he would do an honest day's work for his day's wages, put the money in his pocket and go home. But there he could throw off the livery of slavery. With his wife and children, in his own home among his friends, dispensing the fruits of his toil he could be a king. That was his real life. That was his real happiness.

"And then when he returned to his work, why not go as a king in disguise? Why not accept the terms of his slavery as a disguised king would, submitting to them amusedly until he could drop the livery of his slavery and return to his kingdom?"

"Why not indeed? He tried it and it cured his indigestion. The boss cannot irritate him now. He has escaped from the evil of work-resentment."

There you have it plain as mud. If you are dissatisfied, you are "suffering from the evil of work resentment" and the cure is, "accept the terms of your slavery as a disguised king would, and submit to them AMUSEDLY" but above all, SUBMIT.

It is rather amusing. If you are class conscious and a real man you naturally would resent any system of society which allowed private ownership of all the sources of raw material, thus placing whole

sections of the workingclass in a position where they have to wear the livery of slavery.

But the remedy is plain. Just imagine yourself a king in disguise. If you have been worrying over the constantly rising cost of living and wondering how you are to get Irene a much needed new pair of shoes, and rubbers for Gracie and a new suit for George, when the present pay check is not big enough to pay the rent and grocery bill, don't worry any longer. Just imagine yourself a king in disguise and then you can draw on the king's warrirobe for the needed clothes and shoes. The boss would much rather you would thus draw upon your own imagination than upon his swollen profits!

If the wife shows any signs of being "peevish" because that year-before-last gingham dress is worn out and cotton now is higher than gingham was then, just slip her the information that you are a king in disguise and by virtue of the marriage certificate she is a queen, that ought to please her.

A king in disguise! A wonderful remedy for the evil of work resentment. But that is the kind of piffle that is eagerly sought, bought and printed in the leading (misleading!) magazines of today. A clever idea, forsooth, yet methinks it is lacking in a very grave particular, and is suscep-

table of improvement, to wit: While you are imagining yourself a king in disguise you had better imagine the time to be in the eighteenth century. The King business flourished better in those days.

If you go around daydreaming nowadays you are apt to lose step with the rush of modern industry and find yourself without a job, your place taken by some more awake and alert fellow. Then again you are apt to come in contact with some wide awake class-conscious toiler who is conscious of the robbery of the whole king, capitalist and wage-system business and doing all he can to awaken others to the danger and you are apt to find yourself without a kingdom and will be a king in disgrace. A king without a kingdom is a king in disgrace.

The evil of work-resentment is not an evil but a positive good. It gave to the world the measure of progress which we have made. It is the driving force back of every improvement in labor saving machinery which does the most of the work of the world today.

A king in disguise is a king in disgrace.

One dissatisfied slave means more to the progress of mankind than a dozen satisfied kings.

Wake up! You are not a king in disguise but a slave in chains.

An Enemy of Mankind.

Ignorance is the enemy of mankind. To remain ignorant is to make one's self an enemy of all men and women. Knowledge gives power and without knowledge, the working-class can never gain or retain power. To remain ignorant is to remain a slave to other's will and opinions. The workers must learn to view the world from the standpoint of the useful producer. They must supplant their master-class teachings with the teachings of Science interpreted from the proletarian viewpoint. Workers who refuse to read the literature of the proletarian revolution that is now sweeping capitalism from the face of the earth are a loadstone about the neck of Labor.

The literature listed below will educate you in the CLASS STRUGGLE without a knowledge of which you can never assist your fellow workers to win and hold the world. ALL POWER TO THE WORKERS—but it must come thru knowledge.

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By SYDNEY FLOWER, LL. D.

This is a book of sixty large magazine pages, in which is related in detail the observations of the author during a two weeks' stay at the home of the medium, James Wesley Riley, better known as "Farmer Riley," near Marcellus, Mich. If you have ever asked yourself the question, "Does man live beyond the grave?" a perusal of this book may perhaps assist you in the formulation of an intelligent answer. The book is as interesting as a romance. In his investigations Mr. Flower rigidly adheres to a program which absolutely precludes all possibility of physical agency in the production of the manifestations. The following synopsis will convey a general idea of the manifestations occurring during this remarkable investigation of psychic phenomena:

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MEXICAN POLITICAL SITUATION

Will the July presidential election in Mexico bring revolution?

Many believe it will. Undoubtedly American capitalism would like to have such a result, so it could have an excuse for intervention.

Some time ago when Gen. Gonzales who is the candidate of the reactionaries and the American financial interests for president of Mexico, asked Gen. Alvaro Obregon if he would sign a statement promising not to resort to arms in case of defeat at the polls. Obregon declined to commit himself. Enemies of Obregon declared this constituted proof of his determination to make himself president by force if he could not do so at the polls. Friends of Obregon retort that this is not true out that Obregon will certainly abide by the result if the elections are honestly conducted. However, they do not expect that such will be the case. They believe that the Carranza government will count on Obregon no matter if he has an overwhelming majority of votes and they say it is because of this belief that Obregon has refused to make any promise as to what he will and will not do after election.

The choice of the Carranza government today is unmistakably Ambassador Ignacio Bonillas. Originally it seemed to be Gonzales but it appeared that Gonzales was too reactionary and too much under the influence of American financial interests, also that he would be too weak a candidate. Carranza's support then shifted to Bonillas.

The machinery of the government today is being utilized to the fullest possible extent to help elect Bonillas and "El Democrata", "El Civilista" and "La Republica", all of which

are financed more or less by government money, are actively supporting Bonillas. It is said that Bonillas was picked by Carranza himself in a conference with the Ambassador in Cuernavaca, the president's home town, after it had been decided to withdraw support from Gonzales. Obregon men also assert that the Bonillas boom was officially sprung by a handful of government clerks in Queretaro, the most backward state of central Mexico, which they claim is another evidence of the star-chamber nature of the Ambassador's candidacy. They charge that Carranza is building up a huge espionage system consisting of spies and censors, whose purpose is to hamper Obregon's campaign and frame up the election.

Both Bonillas and Obregon are making vigorous appeals for the support of the Radical elements and labor unions altho so far it appears that Obregon has the larger share of them. On account of the fact that local A. P. of L. unions are aligned mainly with Obregon, the Bonillas papers are boasting the I. W. W. enthusiastically as well as the Communist Party, which stands for the I. W. W. brand of unionism. Gonzales makes no effort to get labor support, being very frank in his opposition to Radicalism and even Liberalism.

If Obregon is defeated on July 4th and his followers believe the election was a frame-up, there is no question that trouble will follow. There are some who believe that the administration has no intention of interfering with the popular choice and that all this talk of coercion and fraud is part of a clever scheme on the part of Obregon to get the masses in an angry frame of mind so that he can put across a revolution successfully.

More Sparks

Comrade Forman of Morgantown W. Va. is another Booster who gets a premium for subscriptions.

Just a moment—You have read with interest the Code of Labor Laws of Soviet Russia which were published in The Toller. But there are thousands who will never have that information and pleasure unless you help get it to them. The way to do it is to distribute this in leaflet form. We have them, you have six for a hundred and time to distribute them. We want your co-operation. Order today.

Just now we received an order for 500 from Cincinnati. Orders are coming in every day. Get on the job.

Comrade Jacobs of Holland, O. has been busy. Five subs are on the list he sends in this week.

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Comrade Briski of Ringo Kans reminds for 8 new subs. The miners of that section are giving good support to The Toller.

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"I'm sure 'tickled' to get The Toller every week and you may count on

me to get more subs", Tom Mathews, Omaha Neb.

Another bunch of four arrives from comrade J. J. Hoge of Bellaire. He's getting the habit. All habits are not bad ones.

Comrade A. Van Doesburg of Holland, Mich. is still on the firing line. He sends us four new ones and a renewal.

Two from Sistersville W. Va. this week. Comrade Kirkendall is the active one there.

A bunch of ten yearlies we credit to comrade Everhart of Tiffin Yes, they can be had in bunches of ten. He proves it.

We acknowledge receipt of \$5.00 from comrade Clarke of Cincinnati for literature and for the defense and cartoon fund.

THE CARTOON FUND

The Cartoon Fund took a splurge this week. Here's what comrade McNutt of La Cygne Kans writes about The Toller: "It is sure chuck full of good things. The Black Sheep, Proletarian Science History, Soviet Labor Laws, Cartoons, each feature alone worth the price of a year's subscription."

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!!GREAT CLEARANCE SALE!!

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One Democrat platform, good as new, only been used for campaign purposes. (A number of Republican planks have gotten mixed in, but as they cannot be distinguished, they will go with this lot, together with 14 points that have never been used.

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One bunch of Radical Deporting Arks, would navigate fine up Salt River but of no other use.

One Democratic Machine, somewhat out of repair.

One Financial System, well supplied with Clearing House Certificates but little cash or consideration for the needs of the people against the legalized robbery of profiteers in high places.

A large supply of old relics such as Old Dinner Pails, Grandpa Hats, Coon Skins, Big Sticks, Taft Smiles and other things too numerous to mention. There will also be disposed of at this time a great lot of old junk belonging to democratic and other parties. (Useless, only for relic collectors.)

This Sale will positively take place on Whether this is so or not, it would appear at this stage of the game that Obregon has a majority of the people with him and that a resort to arms would result in his triumph. New developments, of course, may change these probabilities. A little while ago, the Carranza government, was backing Gonzales, and Bonillas was an inconsequential factor. Today the situation is quite different with the government backing Bonillas who is now Obregon's chief rival.

WHO ARE 100% PATRIOTS?
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fitters would be in the penitentiary for life, instead of running at large grinding down the poor.

We suggest, as the common people furnished most of the money for the Liberty Loans and the Red Cross that those profiteers be made to pay the balance of the war debt for they made millions while labor was giving their lives. Besides it is certainly as justifiable to conscript as it is to conscript life.

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Everybody, regardless of past political servitude invited. This stuff must be cleared away.

Grape J. Brine (Auctioneer.)

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A. Mushhead Palmer, Clerk.

LONDON.—More than 1,500,000,000 English workers are now affiliated in the decision taken at the convention of the American I. W. W. following the Workers' Committee and Shop Stewards of Great Britain. The delegates voted to indorse the principle of industrial unionism and to express their solidarity with the American form of that idea.

The shop steward movement grew up in the spring of 1915 in the shipyards of the Clyde. The trade unions, in an excess of patriotism, had given up more of labor's rights than the workers could capture. So the shipbuilders set straight across the lines of unionism and organized every shop as a unit, with the rank and file as the dictator.

The movement spread like wildfire throughout the shipbuilding industry, the munitions factories and other great industries. It established its position by a number of successful strikes.

After the war the shop steward movement won the allegiance of the triple alliance of transport, mine and railway workers, and has continued its rapid growth.

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